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STATE ROUTE 263 TO BE CLOSED AT KLAMATH RIVER BRIDGE

REDDING – A mile-long section of State Route (SR) 263 in Siskiyou County will be CLOSED FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 DAYS, beginning Tuesday, September 2, 2008 between the junction of SR 263/SR 96 and Hudson Road. The closure is necessary to facilitate the partial removal and replacement of the Klamath River Bridge deck. The closure will shorten the construction duration from 60 days to 30 days and provide safer conditions for motorists and construction crews.

Motorists will be redirected to Interstate 5 to bypass the closed area, which adds approximately four miles and two minutes to commute times. Changeable Message Signs and the Highway Advisory Radio AM 1610 will be activated during the closure alerting motorists to the construction and detour. Access for property owners within the closure will be provided. All through traffic will be detoured via Interstate 5.

The Klamath River Bridge Deck construction is part of a \$1.75 million project to replace decks on six bridges on SR 263 and SR 96 in Siskiyou County. Stewart Engineering of Redding is the contractor.

No additional delays are expected during the project. Motorists should be cautious when driving in the work area and remember to "Slow for the Cone Zone".

For more information please contact the Caltrans Public Information Office at 530-225-3260.

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